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ATTACHMENT E.

Riga, 25 March 1958

Greetings from Riga!

Have you received the letter from Imants? He wrote to you several weeks ago. I think he told you everything about these questions which interested you. I wanted to write to you after I had received your first letter, but it so happened that I could write only now. Although we did not know each other very well, I think that would not prevent us from exchanging letters.

cold long winters anymore that we used to have. The snow falls more about February, until then, it rains, then it freezes, and melts again. The old people say that those fatoms" have changed the air. The skiers live in Gaizini, as before. These skater(s contests are there held in Latgale, as it is a little colder than in Riga. I am sending you a newspaper clipping on one of the contests which had attracted a very large audience. Well, I started talking about the spring and then I continued with the winter. At present everything is still covered with snow, however the thrushes, have already arrived. Last year after they came, we had a severe frost and many of them perished. Yes, that is the longing for the homeland:

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Now when the feat is starting it is getting difficult with the training, because you can't do anything on the field, and we are tired of training indoors. On the Daugava Stadium the former city stadium near Grizinkalns, there is a wooden track were the athletes can train all winter. None of the old athletes is active anymore, except Peteris Zeltins, Liepaskalns, Kruklins, and sometimes Lavize still does some javelin throwing, her present name is Feldmane.

A few days ago Leons Reiters and his wife arrived in Latvia from Stockholm. I would like to see him very much, therefore, I shall definitely go to the present concert. Is he as talented as his father was?

I think you will receive whichever periodical I am able to send to you. Perhaps you would like me to send some Latvian books or maybe some translations? Do your children speak Latvian? The Konrad family, as my former classmate wrote to me, do not understand Latvian. That is funny, what kind of Latvians are they! I don't understand their parents.

Imants and myself are working as trainers. He is at the Sports Society "Daugava", and I work in a sports school. We are bringing up two boys. One of them is 14 years old, and the other, Vilnitis, is 9 years old. I think they will be good sportsmen. Your son has achieved some wonderful results. What does he do aside from training, does he study well? I would like to see your family,

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perhaps next time you could send me a photo. Imants sent the address of Albitis. If it is not too much trouble, I would be glad to receive some sports magazines.

Greetings to you and your family

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P.S., Please write to Imants. GRILIS.

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